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ON THE WORK OF THE

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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THE new departure of the year under review has been the constitution of a Research Department. The Society has always regarded original investigation and research into economic and political problems as one of its chief functions, and its achievements in this department have deserved and received general recognition both within the Socialist movement and from outside experts. Hitherto this work has been left virtually to the enterprise of individual members. Now, for the first time, a definite department has been organized and supplied with a separate fund to which many contributions have been received from persons not in membership or otherwise hitherto connected with the Society, but whose sympathies lead them to support investigation.

SOCIALIST UNITY IN PRACTICE.

Twelve months ago we recorded the formation of a Joint Committee with the I.L.P., and in our review of the past year it is most satisfactory to report that the activities of this committee have grown to an extent hardly contemplated at its inception, whilst its scope has been extended by recently established relationship with the Labor Party, and, through it, with the main body of Trade Unionists. Notwithstanding the oft-quoted maxim, "Union is strength," those who have much practical experience of affairs are well aware that in nine cases out of ten the immediate outcome of efforts toward unity between organizations with different histories and temperaments is internal dissensions and personal friction, which make common action difficult. It is therefore peculiarly pleasant to record that the connection now established between the I.L.P. and ourselves has been from the first altogether free from such difficulties, and the relations, personal and official, between the two societies and their representatives have been entirely harmonious and cordial.

"THE WAR AGAINST POVERTY."

The main work of the Joint Committee during 1912-13 was the organizing of a national campaign, with the above title, to demand a minimum standard of civilized life. It was opened at Newport

(Mon.) on September 3rd, during the sitting of the Trade Union Congress, when a large and successful meeting was addressed by W. C. Anderson, Mrs. Sidney Webb, G. Lansbury, G. H. Roberts, M.P., and J. Winstone. On October 11th a demonstration was held at the Albert Hall, London, attended by over 6,000 persons, at which W. C. Anderson, Mrs. Sidney Webb, Miss Mary Macarthur, G. Bernard Shaw, G. Lansbury, and Sidney Webb were the speakers. The sale of tickets, which realized about £238, covered the cost of the demonstration, and a collection, amounting to £91 11s., was made towards the expenses of the campaign. On the same day the first conference of the campaign took place at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, attended by 312 delegates, representing 198 organizations. Resolutions were passed calling upon the Government to introduce and pass legislation for securing a Legal Minimum Wage, the Reduction of the Hours of Labor, Complete Provision against Sickness, the Prevention of Unemployment, Healthy Homes for All, and the Abolition of the Poor Law. Similar conferences, followed in most cases by large public meetings, were held at the following places: Colchester, Darlington, Leicester, Woolwich, Plymouth, Croydon, Birmingham, Norwich, Chatham, Glasgow, Bristol, Cardiff, Leeds, Watford, South-West London, North London, East London, West London, Manchester, Portsmouth, Newcastle, Nottingham, Ipswich, Deptford, Edinburgh, Derby, Blackburn, Sheffield, and Worcester. The number of delegates attending the conferences ranged from 60 to 400, the aggregate being upwards of 5,000. The speakers included Mrs. Sidney Webb, Sidney Webb, C. M. Lloyd, H. H. Schloesser, Dr. Ethel Bentham, Dr. Marion Phillips, R. C. K. Ensor, W. Stephen Sanders and other members of the Society. The main points of the campaign have been embodied in Bills which the Parliamentary Labor Party have placed on the list of those they intend to introduce during the present session.

The Joint Committee organized a conference of Labor and Socialist Elected Persons at Manchester on Friday and Saturday, March 21st and 22nd. Papers were given by Sidney Webb on "Municipal Finance"; Councillor G. Shann on "The Extension of Boundaries, Incorporation, and Co-operation between Authorities"; and Dr. Salter on "A Unified Local Health Service." About sixty elected persons took part in the conference.

The experience gained during the War Against Poverty Campaign convinced the Joint Committee that there should be more co-ordination of the Labor and Socialist agitation with the work of the Labor Party in the House of Commons, and steps are being taken, both by the Joint Committee and the Labor Party, to this end through the formation of a committee representing the Labor Party, the I.L.P., the Fabian Society, and other bodies. By means of such a committee campaigns on questions of immediate interest and importance could be undertaken on national lines with greater effect, without interfering with any special propaganda decided upon by the Fabian Society.

THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, presided over by Mrs. Sidney Webb, is a large and influential body, including 82 members of the Society and 66 consultative members, drawn mainly from the Co-operative and Trade Union movements. The subject chosen—the Control of Industry—was suggested by the ferment of Syndicalism in the Socialist and Labor movements on the one hand, and on the other by the dangerous proposals of the Liberal Government and Conservative Opposition to give legislative encouragement to Compulsory Arbitration or Profit-sharing schemes. On both sides the Socialist proposal to control industry by the elected representatives of the people was challenged: reactionary proposals to the right of us, and a good deal of anarchic and disruptive sentiment to the left of us. Hence it seemed desirable that the Society should make up its mind to definite, concrete proposals for the Control of Industry.

The committee has divided itself into four sub-committees, dealing with Associations of Wage Earners, Associations of Producers, Associations of Consumers, and Public Services respectively. The special fund at its command, the bulk of which has been contributed in such a way as to leave unimpaired the Society's resources for other work, has enabled the committee to make considerable progress with the investigation. Six memoranda have been printed dealing with the objects and methods of the investigation, the system of note taking to be followed, and the special questions to be answered by each group of investigators. Much assistance has been given by certain of the local Fabian Societies and individual members all over the country. Reports have been or are about to be drawn up on the following subjects: the extent and character of the Syndicalist movement in England; the relative advantages of federation and amalgamation for the Unions in any given industry; the organization of German Trade Unionism; the gradual transformation of the Co-operative ideal of the Self-governing Workshop into schemes of Industrial Partnership between the Capitalist, the Consumers' Society, and the Workshop Employees; the relations between the Co-operative Stores and the Co-operative Wholesale Society and their Employees, either individually or through the Trade Unions; the relative success of Municipal and Private Management of Electricity; and the organization of the productive departments in one branch of the Government. All these and other cognate subjects will be considered at the Conference to be held at the Fabian Summer School for the week beginning on July 19th, 1913. The committee has its own offices at 37 Norfolk Street. C. Morgan Webb acted at first as hon. secretary, and when, to the regret of the committee, he was compelled to resign, his place was taken by H. J. Gillespie. The final report of the committee will, it is hoped, be written during the winter and published early in 1914. It will probably constitute a book rather than a pamphlet.

LAND PROBLEMS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.—This Committee of Enquiry was formed at the same time as the Control of Industry Committee, but has been worked on somewhat different lines. It was decided not to embark on any original research, but to collect and arrange the information already available, and to present a report containing a program of proposals which, in the view of the committee, might be immediately passed into law. Captain Imbert Terry has acted as secretary, and weekly meetings were held in the Fabian Office during the winter under the chairmanship of H. D. Harben. A large number of memoranda on special subjects were prepared by members, circulated amongst the committee and discussed at its meetings, whilst many influential persons, including Mr. Christopher Turnor, C.C., the Hon. Charles H. Strutt, Mr. Nugent Harris, secretary of the Agricultural Organization Society, and Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., were good enough to assist by giving oral evidence.

The substance of the draft report by the chairman was given as a lecture on February 28th. Its publication will form part of the work of the ensuing year.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Eighteen meetings have been held during the year, one less than in the previous year.

Although many of the lecturers have been people of outstanding eminence, and the subjects selected appear to have been quite as interesting as in former years, the attendance of members has been smaller than for a long time past. Apparently this is due to a decrease of popular interest in the theory of Socialism and its application to politics, a fact indicated by the decrease in the number and amount of subscriptions from London associates who generally join the Society for the purpose of attending lectures.

The autumn course dealt with Industrial Unrest—its causes and remedies. In the spring of 1912 the two courses of last year were concluded, whilst in the present year the lectures were unconnected.

Four Business Meetings have been held. The Members' Meeting in December was devoted to discussion of the resolutions for the Labor Party Conference and other business. At the March Meeting a resolution was adopted urging the Labor Party "to oppose any extension or alteration of the franchise which does not include women," whilst an amendment calling on them "to vote relentlessly against the Government on every occasion" was defeated by 92 to 42. A resolution for disaffiliation from the Labor Party was defeated by 92 to 48. In this connection it may be mentioned that the Committee on Internal Administration, appointed during 1911, reported in April, 1912, in favor of some of the proposals laid before it, and these have been carried into effect.

The following is the list of meetings :—

"THE HISTORY AND IMPLICATIONS OF EQUALITY." (*Conclusion.*)

April 26. "Equality and Inequality: Limits to the Application of Equality in the Social and Economic Sphere."... R. C. K. ENSOR

"NEXT STEPS TOWARDS SOCIALISM AND HOW TO TAKE THEM."
(JOINTLY WITH THE I.L.P.) (*Conclusion.*)

May	10.	"Syndicalism"	GRAHAM WALLAS
"THE INDUSTRIAL UNREST: ITS CAUSES AND REMEDIES.			
Oct.	25.	"What the Labor Unrest Amounts to (illustrated by South Wales)"	VERNON HARTSHORN
Nov.	8.	"The Rise in the Cost of Living"	GEO. H. WOOD
Nov.	22.	"The Workman's Resentment of Control over his Working Life"	Councillor J. BEARD
Dec.	20.	"The Legal Minimum Wage"	Mrs. SIDNEY WEBB
Jan.	10.	"Strikes and Political Action"	J. KEIR HARDIE, M.P.

MISCELLANEOUS.

April	19.	"The Case for State and Municipal Farming"	RICHARD HIGGS
June	7.	"The Basis of Civilization"	HERBERT TRENCH
June	21.	"Ulster and Home Rule"	ST. JOHN G. ERVINE
July	6.	"Fabian Policy"	HUBERT BLAND
Jan.	24.	"The Nationalization of Coal Mines"	HENRY H. SCHLOESSER
Feb.	14.	"Profit-Sharing and Co-Partnership: a Fraud and a Failure?"	EDW. R. PEASE
Feb.	28.	"Land Problems"	HENRY D. HARBEN

BUSINESS MEETINGS.

May	17.	Annual Meeting.	
July	12.	Members' Meeting.	Discussion on the Political Policy of the Society.
Dec.	6.	Members' Meeting.	Discussion on various Motions.
March	14.	Members' Meeting.	Discussion on Affiliation to the Labor Party, etc.

CONFERENCES.

The Annual Conference of the Executive Committee with the delegates from the local Fabian Societies and local and subject groups was held this year on Saturday, July 6th, at Clifford's Inn Hall, and was attended by fifty-nine delegates, comprising nineteen members of the Executive Committee, nineteen delegates from provincial societies, nine from university societies, three from London local groups, and eight from subject groups. Resolutions with regard to the Poor Law, co-operation with local Labor Parties, strikes and political action, the Civil Service, University Fabian Societies, the relation of members of the Society to the Labor Party, the works of local societies and groups, the legal minimum wage, and Woman's Suffrage were discussed. The Conference was followed by a social gathering.

The Northern Fabian Conference was held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 11th. There was an attendance of about thirty. W. Stephen Sanders attended on behalf of the Executive. Resolutions dealing with strikes and political action, free speech, and franchise reform were discussed.

PUBLICATIONS.

The feature of this year's publications has been that five out of the six Tracts issued have been priced at 2d., whereas for many years penny Tracts were the almost invariable rule. Four of our Tracts form the beginning of a new "Biographical Series," sketches

of leaders and forerunners of Socialism, whose careers and teachings offer valuable lessons for our own times.

The number of Tracts distributed shows a falling off, but the money received is larger than last year, both accounted for by the higher price of each Tract.

The most ambitious publication of the year was "Songs for Socialists," a compilation which was the outcome of much labor by a committee of members. It was published by Fifield in the summer in an attractive little book, priced 3d. Hitherto the sales have been small.

On the whole, in view of the experiences of other societies, our business in Tracts has been not unsatisfactory.

One penny Tract and two Leaflets have been withdrawn or sold out during the year, and our list of publications in the numbered series now stands as follows :—

	3d.	2d.	1d.	Leaflets	Total
Tracts of previous years ...	1	7	58	12	78
„ 1912-13 ...	—	5	1	—	6
	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>84</u>

The new Tracts published are :—

- No. 164. "Gold and State Banking." By EDWARD R. PEASE. 1d.
 No. 165. "Francis Place." By ST. JOHN G. ERVINE. Biographical Series, No. 1. In cover, 2d.
 No. 166. "Robert Owen." By B. L. HUTCHINS. Biographical Series, No. 2. In cover, 2d.
 No. 167. "William Morris." By MRS. TOWNSEND. Biographical Series, No. 3. In cover, 2d.
 No. 168. "John Stuart Mill." By JULIUS WEST. Biographical Series, No. 4. In cover, 2d.
 No. 169. "The Socialist Movement in Germany." By W. STEPHEN SANDERS. In cover, 2d.

The number of Tracts and Leaflets sold and distributed during recent years is as follows :—

Year ending March	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908
Tracts	64,518	87,368	68,302	73,187	89,229	149,594
Leaflets	15,740	17,235	29,850	23,040	31,760	102,160
TOTALS	<u>79,740</u>	<u>104,603</u>	<u>98,152</u>	<u>96,227</u>	<u>120,989</u>	<u>251,754</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	196	171	192	173	260	476
Cost of Printing	237	241	363	219	269	518

This table should be read in conjunction with the statistics of the "Fabian Socialist Series," of which eight volumes have now been issued, and of the other publications by Mr. A. C. Fifield on our behalf. We append a statement of the sums received and paid on this account during each of the past six years :—

	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts from Publisher...	25	42	76	56	280	—
Estimated Sales at Office	25	22	22	25	25	25
Paid to Publisher ...	58	16	60	149	135	179

The stock in hand, all paid for, may be valued at £220.

Including the sales of this Series from the Head Office, and the continued sales of Fabian Essays, our receipts have been extremely well maintained during the year, although it has not been a good one for the sale of literature.

TABLE OF TRACTS PRINTED AND ISSUED DURING YEAR 1912-13.

Price.	Stock 1 April, '12.	Printed during year.	Total.	Stock 31 Mar., 1913.	Distributed during year.	Cost of Printing, Binding, etc., during year.	Proceeds of Sales (estimd.)	Estimd. Sale Value of pre- sent stock.
1s.	320	—	320	307	13	£ —	£ —	£ 2
3d.	1,399	—	1,399	960	439	—	4	8
2d.	12,720	42,122	54,842	20,419	34,423*	153	40	70
1d.	121,143	27,079	148,222	118,579	29,643	85	145	115
Leaflets	46,405	—	46,405	31,183	15,222	—	7	5
Totals	181,987	69,201	251,188	171,448	79,740	£238	£196	£200
1911-12	221,620	65,105	296,725	181,987	104,738	£244	£211	£210

* About 27,000 of these were not sold.

BOOK BOXES AND LIBRARY.

The increase of staff arranged in 1911-12 allowed time to be devoted during the summer to addressing circulars advertising our Book Boxes to a large number of Trade Union Branches. The result during the autumn and winter was a great demand for boxes. The number sent out is the largest on record, and the fees show an increase of nearly 70 per cent. on last year, for the first time exceeding £100. It will be noticed that nearly the whole of this increase is from Trade Union Branches. It is in one respect gratifying that the library is now more than ever serving the unconverted! If we had to measure the appetite for study of books evinced in the Socialist movement by their demand for our boxes, we should have

to register a continuous decline since 1908, when 116 Socialist bodies subscribed for boxes, to the present year, when the number had fallen to 33.

The following is a classification of the Book Box subscribers for this and previous years :

	Year ending	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908
I. L. P. Branches	26	24	43	52	45	70
Local Fabian Societies	2	9	9	9	11	12
Other Socialist Bodies	5	14	14	19	33	34
Co-operative Societies	26	21	17	27	24	35
Trade Unions	93	20	26	19	15	21
Trades Councils	6	6	2	5	2	9
Miscellaneous	50	32	39	42	31	22
		<hr/> 208	<hr/> 126	<hr/> 150	<hr/> 173	<hr/> 161	<hr/> 203

Partly, no doubt, in consequence of the requirements of our boxes, which cleared our shelves of the more interesting books, the number of borrowers amongst members and associates shows a decline. Only 177 members made use of the Library, and 524 books were taken out. In 1910 and 1911 about 1,000 volumes were thus borrowed.

THE LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE.

Three resolutions and one long amendment were sent in for the agenda.

The first, urging the party to vote against the third reading of the Franchise Bill if women were excluded, was embodied in a composite resolution, and carried by 850,000 votes to 437,000.

The second, claiming uniform local government franchise for men and women, was combined with another resolution on the subject and carried unanimously.

The third, embodying the War against Poverty demand for a national minimum of civilized life, was also carried unanimously.

The amendment was a series of practical amendments to the National Insurance Act, and was put to the conference in the form of an amendment to a proposal that Part I of the Act be repealed and re-enacted on a non-contributory basis. Notwithstanding an appeal from delegates who desired to vote for both, it was held that the vote must be taken in this form, and the amendment was defeated by 976,000 to 569,000.

ELECTIONS.

The spring of 1913 was the occasion of the triennial elections throughout the country for all county and parish, and for the majority of urban and rural district councils and for boards of guardians. Many of our members stood for these bodies, but complete statistics as to results are not available, and some of the elections occurred just after the close of our year.

For the London County Council we took part in the London Labor Electoral Committee, which was responsible for nine candidates, eight of them members of our Society. Unhappily the only

one successful was Miss Susan Lawrence, who succeeded R. C. K. Ensor at Poplar, and now constitutes the Labor Party on the Council. Nine of our members stood as Progressives, of whom four were elected; R. A. Bray (Camberwell) and the Rev. S. D. Headlam (South-West Bethnal Green) retaining their seats, R. C. Phillimore gaining one of the two Progressive victories at his old seat, Deptford, and Montague Shearman, Jun., succeeding another Progressive at Bermondsey. As Frank Smith lost his seat at North Lambeth and George Lansbury did not seek re-election, the number of Fabians on the new Council is the same as on the old.

In connection with the contest at Bermondsey the Executive Committee directed the following to be published in *FABIAN NEWS*:

FABIAN CANDIDATES: A WARNING.—At a members' meeting a few months ago the Society gave an unqualified endorsement to the policy of individual liberty in matters political, and the Executive Committee, in accordance with that policy, makes no claim whatever to control the action of members in contesting elections on behalf of any party or none. It has always maintained that members of the Society should take suitable opportunities of coming forward as candidates for public bodies, thus increasing the interest taken in elections, and if successful obtaining opportunities of exercising wider influence over the management of public affairs. But in view of the many elections about to take place, the Executive Committee considers it necessary to warn our members that grave difficulties arise when they stand as candidates in opposition to any fellow member or to any candidate put forward by the Labor Party or by the I.L.P. or other Socialist bodies. In many cases there are more seats than one to be contested, and the opposition may not necessarily be direct. In other cases the rival candidate may have no proper credentials and no reasonable chance of success. The Executive Committee cannot lay down for the guidance of members any general principles which, in its opinion, would be applicable to every case. But it desires to impress on the members of the Society that such candidatures may give rise to grave difficulties and may militate against that cordial co-operation between the allied forces of Socialism and Labor which we all desire. Such candidatures should therefore never be entered upon without the most careful consideration of every issue that they involve.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The new quarters for the Summer School were secured last March at Barrow House, a delightful mansion, with large and beautiful grounds, splendidly situated on the banks of Lake Derwentwater, about two miles from Keswick. The premises were rented from May 31st for three years. The School was opened at Whitsuntide, when a conference, attended by about thirty Fabians and others, was held on the subject of a Legal Minimum Wage, at which papers were given by H. D. Harben, Mrs. Pember Reeves, and J. J. Mallon. The regular session commenced on July 20th

and was attended by 166 persons. Although the summer was unusually wet, the amenities of Barrow House enabled the members of the School to have an enjoyable time. During a part of August the capacity of the School was taxed to the utmost, and visitors had to be accommodated in neighboring farms and hotels and in Keswick itself. The lecturers and subjects were as follows: Miss Clementina Black, "Married Women in Industry"; Dr. Lionel Tayler, "Eugenics" (3); Dr. Letitia Fairfield, "The Health of the School Child" (2); H. D. Harben, "The Abolition of Poverty"; Philip Snowden, "Modern Tendencies" (3), "The Legal Minimum Wage"; Miss Mary Macarthur, "Women and Trade Union Organization"; F. E. Green, "Colonizing England" (3); Mrs. Sidney Webb, "Syndicalism and Socialism" (2); Sidney Webb, "Glimpses at the Far East" (2); Rev. Canon Rawnsley, "How to Save the Beauty Spots of England"; R. E. Dell, "Socialism and Roman Catholicism" (3); W. C. Anderson, "Aims and Methods of the I.L.P."; W. Stephen Sanders, "The Socialist Movement in Germany" (3); Professor A. E. Gardner, "Greek Life, Art, and Thought" (2); S. K. Ratcliffe, "Socialism and the Future of India," and "Socialism and the Family"; Emil Davies, "The Collectivist State in the Making."

The Directors of the School were Dr. Lawson Dodd, S. K. Ratcliffe, E. R. Pease, W. Stephen Sanders, and H. D. Harben. Miss Hankinson was, as usual, universally popular as manager, her capacity and tact contributing in no small degree to the social success of the School.

From the accounts appended it will be seen that the School has expended on capital outlay the £100 received from the sale at Penny-Allt and the £41 carried forward, and has also borrowed the sum of £200 for the same purpose.

On the working account a credit balance is shown, but a large part of this consists of payments received in advance of the year 1913-14, and sundry accounts for last year are still outstanding. On the whole, it can only be said that the working for ten months, with a very unfavorable summer, has resulted in a balance on the right side.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

The Speakers' Class, inaugurated last year, was continued on similar lines at the Fabian Office. Six lessons were given in voice production by a professional teacher, followed by four lessons in practical propaganda by W. Stephen Sanders, who then formed and conducted an advanced class with about twelve of the most interested pupils, who have attended with laudable regularity.

SUBURBAN AND PROVINCIAL LECTURES.

The number of courses of lectures arranged under the Suburban and Provincial Scheme during the period from October 1st to March 31st was eleven. They were given by H. Snell, Alban Gordon, H. Beaumont, and others acting as occasional substitutes. The subjects

dealt with were "Socialism of To-day" and "War Against Poverty." The lectures were held at Cambridge, Croydon, Erith, Kensal Rise, Kingston, Loughborough, Marylebone, Sidcup, Southampton, Worthing, and Uxbridge. The total cost of the courses (including one or two single lectures) was £87.

As in previous years, G. Bernard Shaw took his share in the provincial and suburban propaganda work of the Society by addressing large meetings organized by the local Fabian Societies at Blackburn, Ilford, and Palmers Green.

OTHER LECTURES.

Lectures have been given to Independent Labor Party Branches, Land Clubs, Suffrage Organizations, Literary and Debating Societies, Trade Unions, and other bodies by members of the Society. It should be mentioned that many lectures not arranged through the Office are given by prominent members of the Society on Fabian subjects to societies which make arrangements direct with them. In the provinces a considerable amount of lecturing has been carried on by local Fabian Societies, largely to other organizations.

A debate between G. Bernard Shaw and Hilaire Belloc, under the auspices of the Society, took place at the Queen's Hall on January 28th. The subject debated was the proposition defended by Hilaire Belloc: "If we do not re-establish the institution of Property, we shall re-establish the institution of Slavery: there is no third course." The Hall was crowded, and the demand for seats was greatly in excess of the available accommodation. The meeting resulted in a very substantial addition to the funds of the Society.

PROVINCIAL AND UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.

Fabian Societies have been formed during the year at Aberystwyth University College, Blackburn, Ipswich and Portsmouth. The Societies at Bolton, Burnley, Finchley and Tunbridge Wells have become extinct. Deducting these four, the number of provincial Societies and Groups at the end of March was the same as at the end of the previous year, namely, fifty, of which eleven are in connection with University Societies. The Fabian Societies at Montreal and Toronto, Canada, and Christchurch, N.Z., are still active, and have sent communications during the year.

The University Fabian Societies, with the exception of the Oxford U.F.S., are now affiliated to the University Socialist Federation, which is endeavoring to strengthen and organize the Socialist movement in seats of learning. The Federation has issued a magazine, entitled the *University Socialist*, which contains, besides articles on Socialist and Labor topics, accounts of the various University Fabian organizations. The Federation has arranged annual Conferences, the first of which opened at Barrow House on March 31st.

LONDON LOCAL GROUPS.

The Deptford and Lewisham Groups took an active part in the recent L.C.C. election. The Paddington and Marylebone Group

held regular meetings, at which lectures have been given. The Clapham Group has carried on a series of propaganda lectures, including a large public meeting.

SUBJECT GROUPS.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Group was issued last February. It outlined the work done by the group during the year ending December 31st, 1912, which may be summarized and brought up to date as follows. Public lectures in connection with the series on the "Present Economic Condition of Women" have been given by Miss Susan Lawrence on "The Life of a Charwoman"; a member on "The Life of a Civil Servant"; Mrs. Florence Greenwood (late Vice-President of the Women Sanitary Inspectors' Association) on "The Life of a Health Official"; Dr. Christine Murrell on "The Life of a Medical Woman"; Miss Hughes (General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses) on "The Life of a Nurse"; Miss Drummond (President of the Assistant Mistresses' Association) on "The Life of a Teacher"; Mrs. Jenner (herself an ironer) on "The Life of a Laundress"; and Miss Constance Smith on "The Comparative Conditions of Sweated Workers in the Factory and in the Home." Further lectures in this course are being arranged. Besides the above lectures a paper was read in connection with the Historical Series by Mrs. C. M. Wilson on "Women as Tenants and Agricultural Wage Earners on the Manor," and other meetings were addressed by Miss Atkinson and Mrs. Vulliamy. Two conferences have been held; the first an informal meeting of group members, Civil Servants, and leading educationalists to consider the Opening of the Higher Branches of the Civil Service as a Career for Women, the outcome of which was the formation of an influential council, which prepared and gave evidence before the Royal Commission on the Civil Service. The second was a conference of men and women, held at Clifford's Inn Hall, to discuss the question of a national minimum wage, with special reference to the underpayment of women. During the year the Suffrage Committee was actively engaged in pressing for the inclusion of women in the Government's Reform Bill. Since the withdrawal of the Bill it has prepared a manifesto calling upon all Labor M.P.s to vote against any Franchise Bill, including the Plural Voting Bill, until women are recognized as citizens. The group was represented by Miss Atkinson and Dr. Fairfield at the two Trafalgar Square Demonstrations arranged by the Women's Freedom League, and by Miss Atkinson on the I.L.P. platform at the Suffrage Demonstration in Hyde Park last July. A contingent also joined the Marchers when they reached London on November 16th, and another contingent took part in a poster parade outside the House of Commons on January 24th. The Right to Work Committee has centred its attention upon the enquiry as to what proportion of women and girls are working to support others besides themselves, which is still being actively pursued by its members; but some time must elapse before any complete

statement regarding the result can be made. Four members were candidates at the recent L.C.C. election. Mrs. Miall Smith stood as a Progressive for East Marylebone, and Dr. Ethel Bentham, Miss Margaret Bondfield, and Miss Susan Lawrence as Labor candidates for North Kensington, Woolwich, and Poplar respectively. £30 was raised towards Dr. Bentham's election expenses. Miss Susan Lawrence was successful, being the only Labor representative returned to the L.C.C. Last November Dr. Ethel Bentham and Dr. Marion Phillips were elected to the Borough Council of Kensington.

The Fabian Nursery has held periodical meetings, at which lectures and discussions have taken place. The subjects dealt with have been the Referendum, Leaders of Socialist Thought, the Syndicalist Movement, and the Position of Women. A public meeting was held at Clifford's Inn Hall, addressed by Stephen Reynolds on "Statistics and Human Life." Members of the Nursery have given lectures to I.L.P. Branches, and helped in election work on behalf of Labor candidates at borough and urban district council elections.

The Education Group has held a series of meetings to discuss the subject of the "Education of the Manual Worker" from the point of view of the employer (town and rural), the parent and the citizen. The lecturers have included Mr. Christopher Turnor, Mr. H. Goodman, Mr. E. Wimple and several employers of labor. The Group also held a crowded meeting at Clifford's Inn Hall, addressed by Mr. Bertram Hawker, on "The Montessori System of Education."

The Social Committee arranged a series of well-attended social gatherings, at which new and old members have been brought together, and recruits instructed in the work of the Society by addresses given by members of the Executive.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

The following table indicates the changes in membership during the past year :—

	London.	Provincial Societies.	Provinces elsewhere.	University Societies.	Abroad.	Total.
Men ...	719	384	322	396	100	1921
Women ...	552	88	134	81	28	883
Total ...	1271	472	456	477	128	2804
1912 ...	1290	421	418	442	116	2687
Increase...	—	51	38	35	12	117
Decrease	19	—	—	—	—	—

During the year 315 members were elected, a reduction of 24 on last year. But the resignations, removals in default, and deaths numbered only 198, less than last year by 118, with the result that the membership stands at 2804, the highest point in the history of the Society.

The number of associates is 323, an increase of 17 on last year, this increase being confined to university society associates. The number of members of provincial societies who are not members of the London Society is about 500.

THE YEAR'S FINANCE.

In view of the somewhat slack time through which we are passing, the record presented by the Balance Sheet is fairly satisfactory. The net result of the year's working is that our debt to our printer has been reduced from £120 to £50, and, although the debit balance of £189 is greater by £21 than that of last year, only a small part, in addition to the £50 named, consists of unpaid accounts.

In the autumn an appeal was made to our members to increase their subscriptions, but the responses were not as numerous as we hoped, and the direct receipts under this head show an increase in the larger subscriptions only.

Receipts from sales of Tracts show some improvement, Book Boxes show a greatly increased yield, and the Shaw-Belloc debate gave a profit which has saved the situation.

On the expenditure side most of the items show no great variation from those of last year, except in the case of salaries. The increase in this item was the result of a careful report by a Special Committee in the winter of 1911-12, on whose recommendation the Organizing Secretary was appointed a full time officer, and other rearrangements made, the full effect of which only come into this year's accounts.

CLIFFORD ALLEN.
MABEL ATKINSON.
ETHEL BENTHAM.
RUTH BENTINCK.
EMIL DAVIES.
F. LAWSON DODD.
R. C. K. ENSOR.
HENRY D. HARBEN.
C. M. LLOYD.
FABIA MURRAY.

EDWARD R. PEASE.
MARION PHILLIPS.
MAUD REEVES.
W. STEPHEN SANDERS.
HENRY H. SCHLOESSER.
CLIFFORD D. SHARP.
CHARLOTTE F. SHAW.
HARRY SNELL.
SIDNEY WEBB.
BEATRICE WEBB.

C. M. WILSON.

Executive Committee for the year 1912-1913.

RESEARCH FUND.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions ...	446	3 6	Salaries ...	77	19 1
Sales of Literature ...	0	9 1	Rent ...	25	0 0
			Printing ...	49	1 11
			Special Investigations (Travelling, &c.) ...	29	4 4
			Stationery ...	11	5 4
			Postage ...	11	16 4
			Books ...	6	4 2
			Office and Sundry... ..	8	14 1
			Balance in Bank ...	227	7 4
	<u>£446</u>	<u>12 7</u>		<u>£446</u>	<u>12 7</u>

FABIAN SUMMER SCHOOL.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from previous year	41	11 0	Furniture and Fixtures ...	309	0 0
Deposit uplifted	100	0 0	Balance in hand to meet		
Loan	200	0 0	Outstanding Accounts	32	11 0
	<u>£341</u>	<u>11 0</u>		<u>£341</u>	<u>11 0</u>

WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Interest on Deposit ...	0	5 5	Preliminary Expenses ...	15	14 2
Receipts from Guests ...	790	0 4	Household Expenses ...	518	4 4½
Do. applicable to next			Lecturers' Fees & Expenses	35	2 3
year	65	4 9	Rent, half-year ...	100	0 0
			Placed on Deposit for half-year's Rent ...	100	0 0
			Balance	86	9 8½
	<u>£855</u>	<u>10 6</u>		<u>£855</u>	<u>10 6</u>

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W. HECTOR THOMSON & CO., { Auditors.
Chartered Accountants.

RULES.

DEFINITIONS.

1.—The words "due notice" shall mean that the notice is received by the General Secretary before the 23rd day of any month for publication in the next issue of *FABIAN NEWS*, or as provided in Rule 9, Clause 2.

2.—A public meeting shall mean a meeting to which non-members are admitted. A private meeting shall mean a meeting confined to members of the Society.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

3.—Before the Annual Meeting to be held in May, the Society shall elect by ballot a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of twenty-one members to hold office for one year. Due notice shall be given of all nominations for these offices. Voting papers shall be sent to all members, together with the April number of the *NEWS*, and they shall be returned to the General Office on or before April 20th. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Society, whose duty it shall be to open the ballot-box, to count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary before April 23rd, for publication in the *NEWS*, the number of votes polled. The new Executive shall come into office on April 25th. In case of Easter occurring about the dates named, the Executive may alter them, giving due notice thereof; but no alteration shall exceed seven days. In case of a tie, the candidate who has been longest a member of the Society shall be elected. Any vacancies which occur during the year shall be filled by election after due notice, but only in the event of the number of the Committee falling below nineteen. Five members shall be a quorum. Any member absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee or its standing Sub-Committees without obtaining leave of absence, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat on the Committee or the Sub-Committee.

4.—The Executive Committee shall conduct the general business of the Society, appoint the paid officers, prepare and publish tracts, subject to Rule 9, and appoint all delegates to represent the Society. It shall constitute three standing sub-committees to deal with (1) Organizing and Propaganda; (2) Publishing; and (3) Finance and General Purposes.

MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.

5.—In addition to the Annual Meeting, two private meetings shall be held, one in the first and one in the last quarter of each year.

6.—Committees for special purposes shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, but notice of such committees (exclusive of those dealing with purely Executive business) shall be published beforehand in the *FABIAN NEWS*, or at private meetings, in order that any member desirous to serve on such committees may have the opportunity of sending in his or her name for consideration by the Executive.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

7.—Resolutions of which due notice has been given shall be placed on the agenda of the first private meeting of the Society after such notice has been published; provided that when any resolution has been discussed and voted on, and within twelve months of the date thereof notice is given of a resolution on the same subject, the Executive Committee shall be authorized, if they think fit, to defer placing the resolution on the agenda for any meeting until the expiration of the said twelve months. Resolutions shall not be moved without due notice, except after a vote of urgency has been carried. Business may be taken at a public meeting, but only with the consent of the chairman previously obtained.

8.—Any resolution, not affecting the constitution of the Society, its Rules or its Basis, may be declared urgent by a majority of three-fourths of the members present in a private meeting of not less than twenty-five members, and, if so declared, shall be discussed and voted upon forthwith.

9.—When a requisition signed by not less than fifty members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss any resolution, the Executive Committee shall order the resolution to be printed in *FABIAN NEWS*, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter.

When a requisition of urgency, signed by not less than one hundred members, is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss a specific

notice of motion, he shall summon such meeting for a date within fourteen days from the receipt thereof, and shall within seven days notify the same to all members, by circular or otherwise.

TRACTS.

10.—Except in cases of emergency, notice shall be given by the Executive Committee, either in *FABIAN NEWS* or by special circular, of any tracts proposed to be issued in the name of the Society, and every such tract shall be submitted to the members at a private meeting, and shall only be published when adopted by that meeting.

In case of emergency a tract may be adopted at any private meeting upon a vote of urgency.

Tracts bearing the name of the author may be issued by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

11.—Every candidate must sign a declaration that he accepts the Basis of the Society, and must make a contribution to the funds before election, the amount to be returned if he is not elected.

The names of all candidates shall be printed in *FABIAN NEWS*, and candidates shall afterwards be submitted for election, which shall be by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

12.—Members who do not take part in the work of the Society and subscribe to its funds during one year may be removed from the list of members at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

13.—A member may be expelled from the Society by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of not less than fifty members. Due notice of the motion shall be given to the General Secretary; but such notice shall not be valid and shall not be printed in *FABIAN NEWS* without the sanction of the Executive Committee.

SUBSCRIPTION.

14.—Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means.

ASSOCIATES.

15.—Any person may become an Associate by signing a statement that he is in general sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Society.

Associates must pay an annual subscription of at least 10s., and are entitled to attend all the meetings not expressly confined to members, and to receive all the ordinary publications. But they are not entitled to vote at meetings of the Society or to take any other part in the management of its affairs.

GROUPS.

16.—The members resident in or near London shall, for the purpose of local work, be divided by the Executive Committee into Groups according to the localities in which they reside. Each Group shall elect a Secretary, who shall keep a list of the Group members, and shall organize the work of the Group.

The Group Secretary will be removable by a vote of the Group, at a meeting attended by not less than one-third of the Group members, or by a vote of the Society after due notice has been given.

A meeting of any Group may be summoned either by the Group Secretary or by the General Secretary by order of the Executive Committee.

A Group may appoint delegates to any body dealing specially with the affairs of the Group area.

Groups for particular subjects may be formed in accordance with such regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

ANNUAL REPORT.

17.—The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, made up to March 31st, shall be sent to members at least seven days before the Annual Meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES AND BASIS.

18.—No alteration of, or addition to, the Rules shall be made without due notice; or at any meeting other than the Annual Meeting except by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of not less than fifty members.

No alteration of, or addition to, the Basis shall be made until it has been adopted, after due notice given, by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at an Annual Meeting, and confirmed by a similar vote at a Special Private Meeting held after an interval of not less than six months.

REFERENDUM.

19.—The Executive Committee may at any time refer any question to the decision of the whole Society, the voting to be by letter.

Any mover of a resolution which, at a meeting of the Society, has been supported by not less than one hundred members may claim a poll of the whole Society, the voting to be by letter. If an amendment is carried, and the original resolution is therefore not put, the mover thereof shall have the right to demand before the next business that the chairman take a count of the members who support the resolution, and if this number is not less than one hundred, the mover may claim a referendum as aforesaid.

BY-LAWS FOR LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETY AND FABIAN GROUP ORGANIZATION.

I.—THE COUNTY OF LONDON.

1. Any ten or more members may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, form themselves into a local group.

2. Every such group shall consist of members of the Society in its area, and such other Fabians as it may elect; it may elect its own associates, provided that associateship of a group shall not, as such, confer the privileges of associateship of the Society.

3. Every local group shall elect a secretary, who shall be the medium of communication between the group and the Executive Committee.

4. Every local secretary shall forward a report to the Executive Committee at least once a quarter.

5. Every such group shall be bound by all resolutions of the parent Society.

6. The Executive Committee, co-operating with existing local groups, shall constantly work for the establishment of local groups in districts where such do not exist.

II.—SPECIAL SUBJECT GROUPS.

The regulations for Special Subject Groups shall be the same as those for local groups in so far as applicable, except that

Special Subject Groups shall elect their own members from amongst the members of the Society.

III.—THE PROVINCES.

A. *Local Fabian Societies.*

1. Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the Fabian Basis, or some Basis which has been sanctioned by the Executive Committee of the parent Society, and all their members shall sign the said Basis.

2. Subject to the above, local Fabian Societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members, and associates, the conduct of their business, and the disposal of their funds, and shall not be bound by any resolution of the parent Society.

3. The reports of the local Societies shall be inserted in *FABIAN NEWS*, subject to the exigencies of space and the general control of the editor.

4. Conferences between representatives of the parent Society and the local Fabian Societies shall be held, if possible, at regular intervals.

B. *Local Groups.*

1. Where no local Fabian Society exists, the Executive Committee, co-operating as far as possible with Fabian Societies elsewhere, shall endeavor to establish Fabian local groups, and such groups may be formed in any locality on the initiative of any local Fabians.

2. Such groups shall be constituted of any five or more Fabians, and shall have a status similar to that of local groups within the London area.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF FABIAN SOCIETIES.

I.

With the object of stimulating and promoting the work of the local societies and groups, and for conferring upon questions of common concern, the Executive Committee of the parent Society shall, at least once in each year, convene a conference of duly elected representatives of groups and local Fabian Societies.

II.

The conference shall consist of (a) one representative of each group or local society having a membership as hereinafter defined of not more than fifty, together with an additional representative for every fifty additional members or part thereof; (b) the members of the Executive Committee of the parent Society, together with (if not members of the Executive Committee) the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Organizing Secretary, and the Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund.

The membership for this purpose shall be reckoned as including (a) all the members of each group and such members of each local society as are also members of the parent Society, and (b) members of the local Fabian Societies who are not members of the parent Society on whose behalf the local society has remitted to the Treasurer a capitation fee of one shilling.

III.

To every member of the conference residing more than twenty miles from the place of meeting the Treasurer of the parent Society shall pay the amount of third class railway fare there and back, and (unless hospitality can be arranged) a sum of seven shillings and sixpence per night spent away from home for other expenses. A conference fee, sufficient to cover the total of these and the other necessary expenses of the conference (which ought, if possible, not to exceed one pound per representative) shall be payable to the Treasurer of the parent Society by the group or society sending the representative.

IV.

There shall be laid before each conference for discussion and such resolutions a may be decided on by the members present:

- (a) A report by the Executive Committee upon the progress of the work of the several societies and groups since the last conference.
- (b) Any suggestions sent in for consideration by the conference or prepared by the Executive Committee as to the work of the several societies and groups, such as:
 - (1) Methods of propaganda.
 - (2) Organization of lecturing.
 - (3) Literature.
 - (4) Education of members and investigations or study.
 - (5) The political activities within the reach of each society.
 - (6) Any other subject that may be deemed within the scope of the conference.
- (c) The arrangements for the conference itself.

On any of the above matters (a), (b), (c), any resolutions arrived at by the conference should take the form of recommendations to the Executive or to the several groups or local societies.

If it should be deemed necessary at any time to take action on any of the following matters, such action shall not be taken by the parent Society or by any of the local societies until the proposal has been brought before the conference for discussion and (if so decided) ordered for referendum:

- (d) Any alteration in the Basis of the Fabian Society.
- (e) Any union, affiliation or formal alliance with any other society, or with any political party, whereby the freedom of action of any society or group, or of the officers or members thereof, is in any way limited, or

any termination of such a union, affiliation, or formal alliance already entered into.

- (f) Any change in the constitution of the conference, or of these regulations, or in the amount of the capitation fee.

On any of the above matters (d), (e), (f), the conference may pass resolutions, either in terms of recommendation or else mandatory. In the latter case they shall be binding on the Executive Committee, the groups and the local societies, unless the conference itself, the Executive Committee, or local societies containing not less than one-tenth of the membership entitled to be represented at the conference, ask that a referendum of such members be taken.

There shall be supplied free of charge to the Secretaries of local Fabian Societies (the cost being deemed to be covered by the capitation fee) a sufficient number of copies of FABIAN NEWS, and of all tracts supplied gratuitously to members, to enable every member or associate on whose behalf a capitation fee has been paid to receive a copy; and the local societies shall be bound to place such copies without delay in the hands of all their members, by post or otherwise.

SUMMER SCHOOL BY-LAWS.

I.

The management of the Fabian Summer School shall be entrusted to a separate Summer School Committee, to be appointed in December of each year by the Executive Committee as follows:

Four members chosen by the Executive Committee, not necessarily from among its own members.

Two members nominated by the Executive Committee to represent the London members after considering names suggested by the Fabian Nursery and the various London and Subject Groups, as reported not later than November 30th by the secretaries thereof.

Two members nominated by the Executive Committee to represent the various University and other Fabian Societies, after considering names suggested by such societies as reported not later than November 30th in each year by the secretaries thereof.

The Secretary and Organizing Secretary as ex-officio members.

The Summer School Committee so appointed may add to its number by co-option not more than two other persons at any time during its year of office.

II.

The Summer School Committee shall obtain the approval of the Executive Committee for (a) its annual estimate of expenditure; (b) any supplementary estimates that may become necessary; and (c) the person whom it is proposed to appoint as Director, together with the general scheme of lectures to be arranged; but shall, subject to these limitations, itself exercise the whole executive management of the School.

III.

The invitation and admission of guests at any meeting of the School, the duration of their stay, the arrangements for lectures and other proceedings at the School, the appointment of the necessary staff, and all housekeeping and other details of management shall be entrusted entirely to the discretion of the Summer School Committee.

IV.

Separate accounts shall be kept for the School, which shall be presented by the Executive Committee to the annual meeting of the Society, together with a brief general report on its progress. Such accounts and report, and any matter of administration for which the Executive Committee is responsible, shall be open to question or discussion at the annual meeting, or by due notice at any other business meeting of the Society.

LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETIES.

BLACKBURN.—Lectures to other organizations; issued manifestoes on "School Clinics" and "Housing." Town councillor on membership roll. Members 14. Secretary, Wright Robinson, 118 Whalley New Road, Blackburn.

BRISTOL.—Secretary, E. L. Budd, 3 Brent Road, Ashley Down, Bristol.

CAMBRIDGE.—Course of lectures, etc. Secretary, H. P. Adams, 31 Marlowe Road, Cambridge.

CHELMSFORD.—Secretary, W. G. Smith, "Bella Vista," Galleywood, Chelmsford.

CHESTERFIELD.—Secretary, G. F. Kirk, Foljambe Road, Chesterfield.

CHISWICK.—Secretary, Mrs. Schloesser, 6 Flanders Mansions, Bedford Park, W.

COVENTRY. Public lectures and members' meetings. City councillor on membership roll. Members 23. Secretary, Donald S. Heather, 69 Barras Lane, Coventry.

DARWEN.—Lectures; press correspondence; agitated for school clinic. Members 8. Secretary, F. S. Walkden, 5 Pearson Street, Darwen.

DOVER.—Public meetings; study circle, etc. Members 10. Secretary, Miss F. Ellis, 2 Laureston Place, Dover.

DUNDEE.—Secretary, H. M. Macleod, 93 Ancrum Road, Dundee.

EDINBURGH.—Secretary, D. B. Mackay, 29 Upper Grey Street, Edinburgh.

GLASGOW.—Public meetings; lectures to other societies. Lord Provost and city councillor on membership roll. Members 80, associates 7. Secretary, J. Audley Evans, 28 Florida Street, Glasgow.

GOLDER'S GREEN.—Agitation for school clinic; press campaign; public meetings. Members 52, associates 2. Secretary, Mrs. Enid Kelsey, 12 Wordsworth Walk, Golder's Green.

HARROW F.G.—Secretary, H. Dunhill, 36 Lowlands Road, Harrow.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Secretary, C. H. Greenwood, 57 Perseverance Street, Huddersfield.

HULL.—Secretary, Sydney Smith, 118 Hessle Road, Hull.

ILFORD.—Public meeting; fortnightly lectures. Members 27, associates 2. Secretary, Albert Miller, 9 Toronto Road, Ilford.

IPSWICH.—Secretary, J. S. Wilkinson, 7 Oban Street, Ipswich.

LEICESTER.—Secretary, Ebb. Murray, 113 Upperton Road, Leicester.

LETCHWORTH.—Secretary, F. J. Osborn, 113 Lytton Road, Letchworth.

LEYTONSTONE.—Secretary, H. L. Walker, Mürren, Malford Grove, South Woodford.

LIVERPOOL.—Over 120 lectures given to other societies; public demonstration agitation for reform of corporation leasehold system; two publications issued, one leaflet, one pamphlet. One city councillor on membership roll. Members 104. Secretary, John Airey, 6 Crescent Road, Egremont, Cheshire.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Public lectures; discussion meetings. Members 12. Secretary, Will Pearson, 19 Burton Street, Loughborough.

MANCHESTER.—Fifty lectures given to other societies; public meetings. One city councillor on membership roll. Members 63. Secretary, D. Thompson, 8 Main Avenue, Burnage, Manchester.

MARLBOROUGH.—Secretary, S. F. Goodchild, Meggen, St. John's Lane, Marlborough.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.—Lectures to other bodies; fortnightly meetings for discussion, etc. Secretary, Miss U. M. Skelton, 23 Marsh Parade, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

PALMERS GREEN.—Public meetings ; members' meetings monthly ; lectures to other societies ; debates with other organizations. Member of guardians on membership roll. Members 28. Secretary, E. Hope, 49 Windsor Road, Palmers Green.

PERTH.—Secretary, Thomas F. Watson, Karpoma, Craigend, Perth.

PORTSMOUTH.—Secretary, F. Blessley, 325 Commercial Road, Portsmouth.

SHEFFIELD.—Public lectures ; lectures to other societies ; campaign in favor of municipal milk and coal supply ; research work in connection with Control of Industry Enquiry. Town councillor and city auditor on membership roll. Members 55. Secretary, H. Bampfylde, 23 Westonville Terrace, Sheffield.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Secretary, Mrs. Shaw, 32 Wilton Avenue, Southampton.

SWANSEA.—Secretary, Paul Cocks, 7 Mirador Crescent, Swansea.

WEST HAM.—Public lectures ; lectures to other bodies ; dramatic performance ; assistance in Women's Group Enquiry into Women's Wages. Two guardians on membership roll. Members 37, associates 7. Secretary, Miss E. Bartlett, 23 Wyatt Road, Forest Gate.

YORK.—Fortnightly meetings. Guardian on membership roll. Members 26. Secretary, F. Bradley, 30 Heworth Green, York.

UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETIES.

ABERYSTWYTH.—Secretary, Thomas Quayle, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

BIRMINGHAM.—Lectures and discussions. Members 26, associates 14. Secretary, F. Knowles, 18 Southern Road, Ward End, Birmingham.

CAMBRIDGE.—Weekly lectures and general propaganda. Members 69, associates 85. Secretary, J. P. Moffitt, Jesus College, Cambridge.

EDINBURGH.—Public meetings ; conferences ; ordinary meetings ; debates ; addresses to other bodies. Secretary, John M. Laing, Fabian Society Rooms, 4 Bristol Port, Edinburgh.

GLASGOW.—Secretary, Archibald Rae, The Union, Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL.—Secretary, Miss Lilian Anderson, B.Sc., 27 Frederick Street, Widnes.

LONDON.—Secretary, V. J. Gaster, 193 Maida Vale, W.

MANCHESTER.—Secretary, Miss D. Evans, The University, Manchester.

OXFORD.—Secretary, W. H. Swift, Keble College, Oxford.

OXFORD (WOMEN'S GROUP).—Secretary, Miss Grace Rushbrooke, Somerville College.

ST. ANDREWS.—Secretary, Andrew Peffers, Students' Union, St. Andrews.

LONDON GROUPS.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT.—Secretary, W. H. Brothers, 149 Taybridge Road, Clapham Common, S.W.

DEPTFORD.—Secretary, Mrs. Weston Wells, 35 Jerningham Road, New Cross, S.E.

HAMPSTEAD.—Secretary (pro tem.), Miss Ellen Burr, 13 Well Road, Hampstead Heath, N.W.

LEWISHAM.—Secretary, R. D. Anderson, 120 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, S.E.

MARYLEBONE AND PADDINGTON.—Secretary, Miss C. L. Hayland, 40 Wymering Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.

STREATHAM.—Secretary, Graham W. Thompson, 34 Valley Road, Streatham, S.W.

SUBJECT GROUPS.

EDUCATION GROUP.—Secretary, Mrs. Kate M. Dice, 117 Newlands Park, Sydenham, S.E.

FABIAN NURSERY.—Secretary, Miss Aline Fermor, 18 Addison Way, Hendon, N.W.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP.—Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Wilson, 150 Whitehall Court, S.W.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP.—Secretary, A. E. Lauder, 14 Pagoda Avenue, Richmond.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.—Secretary, Mrs. Bischof Collins, 2 Hurst Close, Garden Suburb, Hendon, N.W.

COLONIAL FABIAN SOCIETIES.

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